The State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Sikkim, Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Chandigarh have made amendments on the major areas of reforms suggested in the Model Law and Haryana, Karnataka, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat made partial reforms. Government of Bihar has repealed the APMC Act. The States and UT of Kerala, Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Lakshadweep have no APMC Acts.

Use of chemical fertilizers

†2745. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total acres of land throughout the country where chemical fertilizers are used at present;

(b) the quantity of fertilizers in kilogram used for per acre of land in India as compared to the international level; and

(c) the details of the percentage of such farmers who use fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) As per Input Survey 1996-97 about 107.17 million hectare area of the country is using chemical fertilizers.

(b) The average per hectare consumption of fertilizers (NPK nutrients) in the country during 2005-06 is 104.50 kg. compared to the 105.50 kg. average world consumption (NPK nutrients) per hectare of arable land.

(c) As per Input Survey 1996-97 about 70.7% of farmers are using chemical fertilizers.

Production of foodgrains

2746. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production expected of foodgrains such as wheat, rice, jawar, bajra, pulses, fruits and vegetables like onion, potatoes, during 2006-07;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the production has increased in comparison to the last two years *i.e.* 2004-05 and 2005-06, the comparative figures thereof, item-wise and year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the list of items of agriculture products which were banned for export due to shortage in the country from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Table below shows the production of wheat, rice, jowar, bajra, pulses, onion and potato during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Wheat	68.64	69.35	73.70
Rice	83.13	91.79	91.05
Jawar	7.24	7.63	7.63
Bajra	7.93	7.68	8.27
Pulses	13.13	13.39	14.10
Onion	6.43	8.68	Not Available
Potato	23.63	23.91	Not Available

*As per 3rd advance estimates released on 04.04.2007

Production during 2006-07 as compared to that during 2004-05 and 2005-06 has increased for the above commodities barring a marginal fall for rice. Production data of onion and potato for 2006-07 are not available.

(d) The agriculture products which were prohibited for export for varying periods of time during the last one year are pulses (except Kabuli chana), wheat and sugar.

National Horticulture Mission

2747. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the elements of the National Horticulture Mission;